

Comments on Turkey Regulations

Questions 7 - 9

- Opposes changing the time for taking the turkey to a check station because of spoiled meat
- Opposes letting other individuals other than the turkey hunter take it to a check station

Comments on Grouse

Question 10

—Possibly ban grouse hunting to allow population to rebound

—increase habitat and quantity of ruffed grouse.

—grouse- return to the prior season thru Jan. should be considered and shorten season on front end when foliage is too dense to effectively hunt.

—Let's be reasonable about the hunting times for Ruff Grouse. The problem we have now is the diminishing habitat not hunting pressure! Encourage management of forested land by clear cutting like Wisconsin. October foliage restricts most killing opportunities. The proposed changes may offer only two good weeks of hunting. I recommend seasons to be Nov 15th thru Jan 31st

—With regard to shortening the grouse season, studies have shown that hunting is not a determining factor in limiting grouse populations. Grouse season is however a valuable source of recreation for hunters field. Shortening the season would certainly limit this time fielded remove our excuse for taking to the woods and occasionally missing a grouse or two. Also, I wouldn't call the proposed new season a reduction. Given the leaf-fall time frame and the proposed season duration, you're all but eliminating it.

—Develop correct forest habitat management for early-successional forest species!!!(i.e. grouse)

—I believe that before any further limitations are placed on hunting a species such as ruffed grouse, that more effort should be placed on increasing their numbers. This should be done by creating a new gamebird stamp—specific to grouse—or whatever the species. The stamps revenue should be mainly focused on the release of birds, then increasing habitat.

—Loss of habitat is the reason for declining Grouse population, not the hunting pressure. Cut restrictions on the cutting of trees not hunting periods. Grow the size of the habitat and the grouse will thrive making it a win win situation

—To comment on the Ruffed Grouse... I do a lot of deer, squirrel, etc hunting in Perry Co (Hoosier National Forest), and it has been probably close to 20 years since I have seen a Ruffed Grouse. My father tells me that there used to be several in the area, but have disappeared since the logging has stopped. I know other states have aggressive timber management programs that really seem to help ALL wildlife. The large timber is good for deer, squirrel and turkey, but what about Grouse and Quail? It would be nice to be able to hear a drumming grouse in the National Forest!!

—what should take place is the proper habitat for grouse be established. Shortening of grouse season will not help. Only the creation on proper

Comments on Furbearers Questions 12 - 14

— Extend the time for keeping raw furs for another two weeks

Comments on Flying Squirrels

Question 15

--Flying squirrels, northern or southern, are not considered game animals so why include them on the game breeders permit, or even allow them to be possessed at all.

Comments on Reptiles and Amphibians

Questions 16 - 19

—I'm all for anything to protect box turtles, which I used to encounter several times a year. Since roughly the mid-1980's, I see one every 7-8 years.

— I think that there is little question that banning the removal of box turtles from the wild is a good thing, however this ban would in effect prevent anyone other than the current owners of box turtles from keeping them as pets. There are larger issues at (i.e. wholesale destruction of their natural habitat) that need to be addressed. Ownership and interaction with these animals will help bring their plight into the open. The below is a plan to allow these animals to be kept in captivity without putting more stress on wild populations.

1. Any box turtles sold must be captive bred and meet the federal 4" regulation.
2. Any one who wishes to become a breeder of box turtles must demonstrate the origin of their animals. If the animals are currently in captivity they can be grandfathered in by registering them with the DNR within 60 days of the new law coming in effect. (The DNR will make reasonable efforts to advertise this opportunity to grandfather in by posting notices at their web site and local pet shops across the state.) If a resident moves in after this period and can demonstrate they were not removed from Indiana's indigenous population through receipts or other means consideration will be given. Individuals who acquire captive born turtles and can demonstrate their origin through receipts will be eligible to participate in the captive breeding program.
3. In order to minimize the number of box turtles acquired as throw away pets or impulse pets the price needs to be driven up to a level that will discourage this practice. A percentage of the sale of each box turtle should go to the DNR to promote wild life education and for conservation management.
4. A person wishing to purchase a box turtle must register for a class sponsored by the DNR detailing the specific requirements that a box turtle needs in captivity. Box turtles do have very specific care requirements, but their care is no more complicated than needs of many other exotic and domestic animals maintained in captivity. Existing owners can grandfather in under the same provisions of item # 2.
5. A permit to own box turtles must be obtained. The proceeds would go to the DNR to support items detailed in item # 3.
6. A program needs to be established to prevent the wholesale destruction of natural habitat. Laws can be established to prevent the removal of these creatures from the wild, but if there is insufficient habitat to support them their numbers will continue to diminish, probably at an exponential rate.
7. Areas deemed as natural habitat for box turtles need to be set aside and all development in these areas needs to be prohibited.
8. A head start program for young box turtles needs to be established to bolster vanishing populations. This program could be managed by captive breeders, but administered by the DNR.

9. Develop practical and educational programs to reduce the number of box turtle road kills.

10. Develop and encourage private box turtle rescue programs to prevent the unwanted release of captive box turtles into the wild.

— I am very pleased that Indiana is taking a leadership role in prohibiting the taking of box turtles from the wild. This is a critical step in helping to prevent the eventual extirpation of the species. **Thank you!**

— As a licensed turtle rehabber, I strongly support any & all rule changes that will help protect Indiana's box turtles. Far too many of them are being killed & displaced due to human activity- they need to be protected from people who think they make good pets as well. Every year I hear from people who have "found" or "rescued" native turtles & ended up trying to keep them as pets. The turtles get sick or stop eating or whatever & the people call us for medical advice. Unfortunately at that point it's too late for the turtles in many cases. I think people mean well, it just seems like they don't really visualize a turtle as a "wild" animal. They are aware of the hazards turtles face on the road, the ongoing destruction of turtle habitat, etc. & they feel sorry for them & want to help them, and feel they can do this by taking them out of the wild altogether. Regardless of all evidence to the contrary, people who won't be dissuaded from keeping turtles by our educational efforts MIGHT look at things differently if taking box turtles out of the wild were actually against the law.

— I thought was already a law that implied that.

Comments on Fish Questions 20 - 23

— Establish a new 18 inch minimum size limit and two fish bag limit on largemouth bass at Bluegrass and Loon Pits at Bluegrass FWA

Comments on Ice Shanties

Question 24

--Ice shanties regardless of portable or stationary should be required to have reflectors when set up after dark, whether being used or not.

--non-issue. Indiana has ice fishing north of US 30, what percent does that inconvenience pertain to?

Comments on Endangered Species Question 25

--I think the add and remove for endangered species should be separate proposals in the future!

--We don't need anymore animals on the endangered animals list.

--Protect a lamprey?

Comments on Wild Animal Possession Permits Questions 26 - 29

— Require a permit before taking possession of a wild animal protected by law animal, regardless of whether it's a Class I, II or III animal

— No non-native species of wildlife to Indiana should be possessed regardless of bird or mammal. Too many exotics are being released or escaping into the wild.

— We have to get tough on people with any type of wild animals, domestic or from another country. There is a guy in Gary who has tigers and rides around Lake co. with them in his car.

— I appreciate the prohibition of releasing wild animals that were not captured in the wild. Good Job.

Comments on Rehabilitation Permits

Question 30

— Add reptiles and amphibians to the rehabilitation permit rule, require supervision of assistants, clarify the need for a veterinarian's signature when the applicant is a veterinarian, require an educational permit under a separate administrative rule, restrict where white-tailed deer can be released, and clarify when a permit can be revoked, denied or suspended

— Adding reptiles and amphibians is necessary to comply with administrative rules governing the possession of reptiles and amphibians. SUPPORT

— Strongly support the need for clarification regarding “assistants.” I am, however, opposed to not allowing “assistants” to take care of these animals on their own property in special situations., ie., when very young and still nursing or in those instances when we are preparing them for release and the “assistant’s” property is where these animals will be released.. It makes for a nicer transition on the animals and reduces the “nuisance” problems which may result when pushed out into the wild too soon or unprepared. This also provides for a measure of security for the babies as they have a place to return when they get separated or are in need of something. This idea of sending fawns home with anyone who wants one and allowing them to sleep in bed with people is unacceptable! Advising people to dump orphaned raccoons at the state/county parks two-three weeks after they are weaned isn't good either. These animals suffer and also cause problems to the parks when they approach people for further assistance - as that's all they know.

— Yes, i would have to oppose anything regarding white-tailed deer until the language is ironed out and can be reviewed. I appreciate the concern re: cwd but considering the potential range of these animals, doubtful that placing them in any particular county much matters.

— No doubt!! I support this as it is always nice to know where one stands. Unfortunately, people don't take this seriously as it is just a hobby, a way to impress people, or a way to increase clientele.

— For instance, Add reptiles and amphibians to the rehabilitation permit rule, require supervision of assistants probably all good ideas, but to clarify the need for a veterinarian's signature when the applicant is a vet seems odd and hardly worth the effort — unless there is a good reason for this which I am unaware of. Seems to me that any vet with a permit could just have their partner sign — what's the point?

—Restricting where white tailed deer can be released may be a good idea, however, based upon the previous proposals, it seems futile and possibly harmful to the animals and the public alike. The idea of releasing a deer in the county in which it was found is impossible at best as you cannot take a six-month old deer and throw him in the car, toting his hiney back to another county as there will be no established release site and as you probably well know, these animals don't travel well! There is also no way to know where the animal was found to begin with as I recall numerous times several years ago where these poor creatures were handed off from person to person and there was no way of knowing where it was originally found. You'll find that people will also hand these animals off on purpose once they discover you cannot take an animal from another county. They simply give it to

someone else to call you claiming it was found in an “acceptable” county. Understandably, people want these animals saved.

— Regarding clarification surrounding when a “permit can be revoked, denied or suspended,” this is also a tough call as we need additional information as to what these clarifications will be. I have several concerns about this, one of which is lack of consistency.

— Oppose - that a great way to remove bureaucracy

Comments on Educational Permits

Question 31

--Must educate and advertise that a person must first obtain a permit before coming into possession of wildlife or they would be arrested. Majority of public are not aware of state laws regarding possession of wildlife. Due to health, safety, and humane issues with humans and wildlife, a ban on wild animal possession permits would be supported. Educational permit should only be issued to rehabilitation permit holders where wildlife are not releasable back into the wild.

Comments on Nuisance Wildlife

Question 33

—Landowner taking of ‘nuisance’ wildlife is already exploited. Irregularly receive calls inquiring as to whether I can remove an animal out of season when the only nuisance being that the landowner became aware of the animal’s existence.

—I’m a little concerned about depredation permits for squirrels. Looks to me like a way to take squirrels year round! Already lengthy season.

—”Landowner Taking of Nuisance Wildlife”, raccoon need to be added to this list.

—That relates back to landowners not wanting hunters on their property, if they don’t allow hunting, then they should expect over-population of some species

—In areas where I used to only see fox and red squirrels (never a gray), I see mostly grays.

Miscellaneous Comments

Use a tele-check system

The Department decided to not move this suggestion forward since the current mandatory deer check station system is vital to the data collection upon which we base our Bonus Antlerless deer quotas. The Department believes that the tele-check system would decrease the Department's contact with deer hunters, would degrade the quality of biological data collected through the checking process and would degrade the ability of the Law Enforcement Division to use check station results for enforcement of the current deer hunting regulations...."

I find that it is most unfortunate that the IDNR Wildlife Division is reluctant to adopt the "Tele-Check System" to report deer harvest. Many States have this, Kentucky for one, and it has been very successful. Not only convenient for the deer hunter, but would save the state money and wouldn't burden store that do the checking. Many shop owners that currently listed as Check Station, do not really like to have this chore of checking in deer as it takes time away from their business. Also Almost all the places that do the check are closed on Sunday and Monday. Also hauling a deer back and forth is inconvenient for the hunters' and many have to return to their jobs after hunting on the weekend. I hope the IDNR reconsiders this option in checking in harvested deer. This is the 21st Century and we might as well adopt its technology it has to offer.

Create a method to electronically check in deer and turkey. This method could be modeled after the HIP program.

I would like to see the checking in of deer and turkey via the internet.

have call in check in for deer and turkey.

Rather than check stations, call a toll free number like Kentucky does.

Deer Check Issue. Just read why you will not allow (because "YOU" decided) there will not be an electronic check in. Your reasons are false and totally without merit. Currently the check in process does NOTHING to help law enforcement so quit trying to blow smoke up the public's pipe!! It is obvious that the only reason for a personal check in process is because some retailers are putting pressure on you. How is telecheck going to reduce DNR contact with hunters? That is the most ridiculous answer I have ever heard. Degrade the biological data? What biological data? Are you providing biological training to the 16 year old kid behind the counter that is collecting the data. They don't even look at the deer!! How do you know that the data the hunter is giving the clerk is accurate? YOU DON'T!! Currently there is no way for law enforcement to cross reference a check in without alot of leg work and old fashioned investigative techniques. How is by going to electronic going to "degrade" that? With the proposal of allowing others to check in deer for the actual hunter? How does THAT upgrade your data collection for biological purposes? One more thing, when has the DNR last done a study to determine the actual whitetail deer heard population? Do you mean to tell us that the only records you have are from hunters? Its time you started listening to us instead of asking our opinions and then rejecting them with ridiculous reasons that have no merit whatsoever!!! Politics needs to stay out of the hunting field!!! Shame on you Indiana DNR!!

- I return to Indiana every year. I was born and raised in Orange County, and may return to live establish a call in on deer killed like the state of Kentucky has in place now

Trapping

- Wants to express displeasure about conibear traps, the largest ones around on land - when my hunting dog got killed in one of these, they need to be on a tree or device a dog can't get in to.

Squirrels

- Squirrel season in the north extend until January like the South. I think I should have a comment.
- Don't know why you don't extend squirrel season to January 31 across the entire state
- increase bag limit for squirrels to 10 or possession limit to 20

Deer

- Should be areas where no bucks can be taken to encourage trophy bucks, genetic superiority and limit overpopulations (does only)
- Have muzzleloader season the weekend before shotgun season starts.
- Against one buck rule.
- Go back to the 2 buck limit.
- Want to know the reasoning behind the one buck rule
- Have a once every few years minimum antler spread of 15" or more, to increase the survival of trophy bucks into the next season.
- use of rifles for deer hunting
- go back to 2 buck seasons
- establish an early muzzleloader season like KY.
- I would like to see a 2 bucks per year limit so that genetically poor bucks may be culled and still be able to pursue the trophy buck.
- Reinstate the two buck per year limit
- The registration of commercial deer processors is a good idea. It should be clarified that this additional information provided to the state is not to be used by conservation officers as a substitute for doing their jobs. This log would be a list for the state to notify processors of potential health problems. I have seen conservation officers abuse the deer check station laws as a substitute for doing a proper investigation. Deer check station logs also should not be used for enforcement purposes. That activity deters the public's willingness to check in their deer. Check station results will show an inaccurate picture to biologists if the logs are used as prosecution tools.
- I don't think deer should ever be taken with a smaller gauge of a 20 and no field loads should be ever used for harvest of whitetail deer.
- Allow crossbows during early archery for deer.
- what happened to the crossbow season during regular bow season for elderly hunters. It's too cold in December for older people.
- I do not see the need for crossbow seasons. Among my friends I know of no one in favor of them
- Allow use of crossbow in first bow season!
- Two Buck per year, one with bow and one with firearms; also extend rabbit season until Feb.28th
- Next year have muzzle loading season for deer before shotgun season.
- I think that Landowners of at least 40 acres should be allowed to take 2 bucks per year. Regardless of what legal weapon they choose. I think that non-landowner hunters should not be given the same rights when they lease land as a landowner. Too many non land owning hunters remaking the rules

for everyone. Non landowners opinions should take a back seat to those of us who own enough land to hunt. Landowners pay mortgages and taxes and should have larger bag limits for all game as long as they hunt on their own land.

- I am a friend of the hunters.

- As far as the public being more at risk, hunting is already prohibited in the densely populated areas of Indiana.

- make the shotgun deer hunters use a waterfowl plug .I always here 5shots fired as fast as they can pull the trigger. I wonder were all that lead went.

- Release of deer into areas should be monitored closely. I do not like the idea of importing deer for game 'preserves' if you want deer at a specific place.....then promote habitat !(even though CWD isn't here.....I certainly don't want to invite it either !)

- I oppose any extension of the current firearms season. I oppose any increase or changes in the muzzle loading season unless the change is to allow flintlocks during bow season for an early limited season primitive weapon hunt (possibly add spears)- if anything shorten or make firearm season to start later. Possibly make firearms license either sex (the idiots may kill less immature bucks). I really don't want to add to your heartaches, my condolences- keep up the good work and Thanks!

- I strongly oppose the whole suite of recommendations regarding hunting that all basically would make poaching easier.

- Strangely omitted is any reference to the permitting of high power rifles for deer.....

- I disagree with your decision regarding the carrying of handguns with a permit during bow season. The area I hunt has had many thefts and break-ins in the past year. Couple that with the danger of inadvertently walking into a drug lab in a wooded area. Although I can understand it might make the CO's jobs a little tougher regarding poachers. I think the increased personal safety would be worth it.

- Ban on High fence hunting. Make it illegal to hunt deer out of an area with a fence around it designed to keep animals(deer) in.

- Please don't do this as this issue would surely end in court with hunter versus hunter. If it makes good biological or management sense to ban better rifles (incidentally it doesn't) then do so. But please don't make rules just because you can or because you can find a few grumpy old men who don't like something.

Turkey

- I think there should be a youth Turkey hunt, similar to the youth Pheasant hunt.

- There are no proposals about a 2 tom spring. There are a lot of proposals about a 2 bird spring and there are only proposals from the dnr for a fall hunt! Why? Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee have 2 bird springs. The fall hunt wasn't introduced until the 2 bird spring was first. Have any of these other states programs for the wild turkey been taken into consideration? Thanks

- your present rules on using crossbow for turkey hunting by non handicapped is unclear I was told that I could not use a crossbow for hunting turkeys. all other changes look good to me, thanks.

Fisheries

- Go back to no size limit on smallmouth in streams.

- Also support changing to a 14" size limit on all black bass, including smallmouth - I would like to see some revised regulations regarding the harvest of smallmouth bass out of smaller streams. The current limit of 5 with a minimum size limit of 12" might be applicable to the bigger streams and lakes here in Indiana, but what about the smaller ones? I'm talking of waterways with an average stream flow of 100 cfs or less. There are several streams I fish on a regular basis that are only 30to 40 wide at most; and some of these streams regularly give up good numbers of 15+” fish. However, lately I've noticed that

once certain anglers find out, every smallmouth or any other fish caught for that matter goes on the stringer. To make it worse, the internet has created a generation of lazy fisherman. The info about which waterways hold good fish is readily available, and unethical anglers are like vultures with this newfound information. Smaller streams simply cannot withstand that type of pressure, regardless of what any biologist might say. I know for a fact that if I kept my 5 fish limit of bass every time out I could single-handedly wipe out several of these streams in one summer or less. As fishing popularity increases, it's getting harder and harder to find places to go where you can catch nice fish on a regular basis and even have a shot at a trophy. I don't think there is such a need to keep fish now versus 20 or 30 years ago. Here's my proposal: List all waterways with an average flow of >100 cfs and for any waterway that is not on that list, all smallmouth angling must be catch and release only. Keep in mind my focus here is on the smaller streams, not streams like the White River or the Tippecanoe River. I think the regulations need to be changed and done now, or else my children and grandchildren will not have the same angling opportunities that I had.

- A future proposal would be to have slot limits on Walleye and to also increase the size limit by 2" up to 16" for a keeper.

- I don't think we need many more new laws. We can't seem to enforce the ones we have now.

- I strongly support increasing the minimum legal limit of muskies to 40+ inches state wide with a 50 inch minimum on specific lakes to establish a "trophy lake." This would benefit local communities and state revenues through increased tackle sales, lodging & restaurant volume, and out-of-state license sales. This would be a win-win for the state, the fisherman, and local merchants.

License fees have been raised 60%, why then have the license venders not been given a raise?

- For next year: I feel quite strongly that Senior Citizens (myself included) should be required to have at the very least a reduced cost fishing license. Go out during the week and everyone that is bald is gray-haired!

Open Houses

- Future open houses should be held on weekend. Need to be publicized better and for a larger period of time. The one I attended was a joke and only 6 persons showed up. The people in charge acted as if they were disappointed that someone attended. When asked questions, they acted as if they were bored or shouldn't have to respond. Very Poor PR! Those attendees I spoke with felt like they didn't want our input.

- I would like to know when the next public meeting is going to be in the Lafayette post area?

Nuisance Wild Animal Control Permit

- Approve drowning as an approved method of euthanizing.

- Your rules regarding possession of wild animals and reptiles are terribly inconsistent and species specific. This make no biological or social relevant statement. The bottom line should be wild animals belong in the wild and not as pets. Once again Fish and Wildlife has failed to address this issue and it sends an inconsistent message to the public. Why are we saying no to deer farmers and yes to flying squirrels. Why are we once again going to further restrict grouse season without working with other agencies to better grouse habitat. We have not lost any of the public land that made up the largest percent of grouse habitat. We have just lost the habitat because the state and federal agencies haven't the spine to do what is right and manage our forest to provide for grouse and other species that requires early succession forest. Cut some timber. Hunters are not killing grouse. The DNR and HNF are because of some radical environmentalist carry more weight than sound science and biology. I strongly support being able to take a buck deer with the Crossbow as there is no biological reason not too and would provide addition

opportunities to the deer hunters. Fisheries need to spend their time creating access and enhancing opportunities instead of it's preoccupation with one species, the black bass and the trophy management of it. I welcome the chance for Fish and Wildlife to tell me where I'm wrong about these things.

Nongame

- Reintroduce badgers and wolverines to return to balance
- The amount of game frogs and turtles such as snapping turtles, soft shells and bull and green frogs should be reduced by one half!

Dog Running

- Extend the dog running season on fox and coyote like it is on raccoon to train young dogs.
- Running coon hounds year- round.
- What happened to the rule change on dog running on state owned and operated property.
- Do not take away dog running during waterfowl nesting season. There is no biological reasons or valid studies that support this rule change, Just a few persons personal agenda. There are many Elderly people that would be affected adversely because the fwa's are the only places they are able to navigate and enjoy the dogs running. Please don't take this away from may to august.

Other

- Federal laws, especially environmental, change a lot these days.
- Allow the killing of any exotic animal found in the wild, such as mountain lion, bear, wolf-hybrid, etc. Current rules don't clarify.
- Consider requiring a hunting license and stamp to hunt deer and turkey in Indiana
- Allow certain areas of state or national forest to return to old growth; no logging there.
- Protect, utilize and improve wetlands along with Ohio River; fund Ohio River Island and wetlands restoration as proposed by Corps of Engineers
- We have enough laws and proposals already. If more laws and higher taxes is what it takes to keep Americans under someone's thumb, then we are getting about like Russia.
- Lower deer and turkey resident tag fees
- Re-open presently closed DNR areas to hunter access
- why do people who are over 70 years of age and disabled still have to have a hunting and fishing license
- Hunting fees are becoming unacceptable. Hunters are going to have to come together and close these deep pockets.
- Do not raise the cost of hunting/fishing licenses
- No more bureaucracy, use common sense
- Any wildlife whose numbers are in trouble or danger should be possessed by special permit only.
- This might not require a rule change, but why don't you just eliminate the pheasant hunt drawings? I know of 11 people who have applied for the past five years. Every year 9 of us are rejected while 1 of us gets drawn. The same guy gets drawn every year. He is a SWAT officer who has a friend 'on the inside'. Why not just save some money and stop all the drawing crap, just invite the good 'ol boys over to a state property, organize a hunt using state dollars, and let them kill birds bought with state money. That would save all of us who send our entries in with the expectation of actually having a chance at being drawn the trouble and would these state hunts honest, if unethical.
- This is something that should be in your DNR newsletter, Wildbulletin (notification of the proposals)

- I found it difficult to respond to several items because several things that I had differing opinions on were lumped together (especially item 30!). Also, there seem to be several cases where holders of one permit would be required to seek another, additional permit for the same or closely related purposes, and this seems in most cases to be an unnecessary burden on the individuals involved (requiring both a possession permit AND an education permit, for instance - doesn't this discourage education uses of captive animals?)
- We need a LATE Canada Goose season to get rid of more of these pests.
- Thank you for making this survey available on line. With respect, I wish to ask that in the future, you consider not allowing goose egg destruction and allow the hunter to handle the situation with extended bag limits and seasons, (a spring season). I realize this takes USFWS approval, but wish to begin the process.
- I think sometime DNR has too many rules, regulations, requirements and permits costing hunters and fishermen too much time and money. Some people cannot afford all this, license and camping fees have just went up also.
- I think that the hunt drawings should be on a point system. I have been applying for 10 years for one of the hunts and still have not been drawn. Do the life time license holders go in a different place than the other license holders? I didn't know if I was discriminated against because of being a Life time license holder.
- I strongly support the one I read about making sure the hunters are out of the woods by 12:00 like it was so families can safely go into the woods and mushroom hunt. (I quit taking my family because the turkey hunters have the woods all day now)
- When considering proposals you need to look at the big picture which Indiana has not once again. Just about all the proposals were turned down some of course should be all other not hardly considered. I think your making a VERY BIG MISTAKE by not banning lead shot for dove. There is not as many as there used to be. Your results are not correct. You need to explain in detail why doves are different than ducks. Well in my opinion if you don't want any changes in the rule book don't ask anyone's opinion. Especially the opinion of a true sportsman. Think about it. Then you'll see hunting for what it is not as a few government officials see it. Any of you hunt? WELL I GUESS NOT!!!!!!!!!!!!
- I think the DNR has a very good program to control wildlife, keep up the great work.
- Some of the items in several of the proposals do not make sense. There are several different proposals located in the item number. You would get a much better data if you were to separate each individual proposal. I may agree with the first section of the proposal, but, an additional item is then added that does not relate to the previous item.
- yea nothing here about ginseng. it's size or age or bud stem length. the present law is very restrictive plus who ever set up these ginseng laws do not know their ass from a hole in the ground about ginseng, you need to get with the people that hunt the root.
- I think the DNR is doing a great job. This is why we're able to hunt & fish the species of our choice. Keep up the good work.
- Thank you for your efforts to impart fairness. Of course those who are the problem, those who have no respect for animals, wild or domestic, or for those who obey fish and games laws, will not respect laws, new or old. Please encourage maximum penalties for those who demonstrate a profound lack of respect, or who are repeat offenders.
- One comment on the ones that you have already rolled on. Looks like you already had your mind made up before listening to any of the proposals. Your responses all sounded the same.
- Build another rifle range in the southern part of the state like Warrick County.

- I would like to see there be something on there about coon hunting with dogs. That is the most exciting sport there is and the running law should stay the same.
 - The way I see it; the DNR does not need any additional rules to police. The DNR does not have the money to police any additional "Administrative rules". Establishing additional permits would bring in a limited amount of money (which is the only reason they are proposed, anyway), but they would cost more to police than they bring in revenue.
 - Just wanted to say Thanks for setting up this forum to get my opinion, It seems I can never get the time to attend the meetings and glad to have another chance to give my opinion.
 - The wording of several questions is very poor. For instance, in question 9, I strongly support the establishment of a fall turkey season, but I oppose the blaze orange requirement. These should be two separate questions.
 - This country was built by the people for the people. "WHY NOT LET THE PEOPLE VOTE ON" it stated of this dictatorship. Let the people of the state have a vote. Government has all ready toke their vote away to where the people only get to vote 1 time every 4 to 6 years.
 - lower the price of all licenses back where they were so we all can hunt and not go broke while doing so.
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- I realize that everything can not be addressed at once, and every rule will not make all sportsman happy.
 - I would like some heads-up information on when new rule change ideas are being accepted. Also, I would like to see a form for the same available to the Hunter's Ed Instructors for use during our classes. A lot of information could be gathered in a very short period of time that way.
 - I am opposed to additional hunting of any kind. We need a time set aside in the Fall, with no hunting of any kind, for those who wish to go into the woods without worrying about getting shot. Nature lovers and Birders are not treated fairly and everything is geared to hunting and killing instead of the quiet enjoyment of Woods and nature. I am not against hunting, but they don't pay all the taxes, and they don't own the State and Federal Lands, nor should they be able to "buy" special privileges. It's time to figure birders and nature lovers INTO the equation and not keep forcing them out of it through more hunting.
 - My comment concerns the proposal to outlaw the use of pitchforks as a means to take fish (which for some reason was not a voting item). I find this proposal to be insipid. The comment provided with the proposal stated that this method is archaic, and seldom used. What a perfect reason to pass a law. Please limit laws and rules to those things which are based in logic and provide benefit to the people, and wildlife, of Indiana. I strongly support the continued legal use of pitchforks as a means to take fish. Do not clutter the rules with such items. The Indiana Code is already cumbersome enough.
 - I believe that laws (permits) take away our freedoms of choice but sometimes are a necessary evil under extreme circumstances. However, to require a permit which leads to a fine for someone to help wildlife (a rabbit that was caught in a fence or some other wildlife) is criminal. If my child was to try to rescue some hurt animal this law would make him a criminal for being a good Samaritan. I'm very opposed to these types of permits/laws. Many of the above permits seem more like harassment laws and Micro-management rather than an emergency solution to a problem that, if not enacted, will destroy a species of wildlife. Have a little trust in your fellow man rather than legislate him to death with threats of fines (permits). Use education, not threats (permits) in your Wildlife programs
 - Like a better res. goose season.
 - How about getting the IDOC property to hunt and fish on by permit? Give us some ground up north here.
 - stop raising license fees

- and also a late season nuisance goose season would be nice
- I think you should do something about the so called house CATS that are aloud to run free. I live south of Mooresville on 9 acres. When we bought this house and land in 1988 there were lots of rabbits and quail on the property. Now all we ever see are CATS and coyotes and lots of them. I have not seen A rabbit in 2 years, quail in 5 or 6years.
- I would Like to thank the DNR for giving me, a Long time Indiana Hunter a say.
- need to open trapping seasons for animals other than coyotes and fox 2weeks before deer season so that traps can be set and established before deer hunters get into woods less chance of accidental shooting and less interference between hunters and trappers
- The south zone youth day is the day after the early season ends. What were they thinking? “Lets bang away at the birds for a week and get them all educated . Then let the kids have a go at them the next day?” Someone was asleep at the switch. Terrible timing.